

THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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2nd Annual City of Rock Hill Retreat

The City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council held its second annual retreat on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the city's Operations Center with an afternoon of activities designed to build a stronger team and learn more about community relations work. Eleven members of the council welcomed two guest speakers: Saundra Ligon, Senior Community Relations Consultant, for the S.C. Human Affairs Commission, and Dr. Jennifer Gunter, Director of the South Carolina Collaborative on Race and Reconciliation at the University of South Carolina.



Ms. Ligon spoke about the new model for Community Relations Councils across South Carolina and presented the new website. Dr. Gunter shared information on the Welcome Table, a "common ground" initiative where diverse groups devote a significant amount of time to learn about each other and how to overcome stereotypes and misinformation. The South Carolina model is based off work from the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation in Mississippi.

The council also enjoyed a team-building activity and discussed ways to partner with other groups in the Rock Hill area concerned with community issues. Thanks to the City of Rock Hill for supporting the retreat and all of the activities of the council.



The City of Rock Hill CRC is one of the more active Community Relations Councils. The council meets monthly to discuss ways to continue peace and harmony within the community, as well as, ways to continue promoting diverse communities. On behalf of SCHAC, the Community Relations and Development Department would like to thank the City of Rock Hill CRC for their hard work and dedication to the community.



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Back to School Events

The following Community Relations Councils hosted a Back to School Event in their community:

- Lancaster County Community Relations Council
- Allendale County Community Relations Council



2018 Safe Schools Summit
The State Coalition for Youth Empowerment and Access
Friday, September 21, 2018 at 8:00 AM - Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 3:00 PM (EDT)
West Columbia, SC

Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

January
MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February
African American History

March
Women's History/End Racism Day

April
Fair Housing

May
Law Enforcement/Community Relations

June
Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation

July
Employment Discrimination/Economic Opportunity

August
Youth Project/Back to School

September
Hispanic Heritage/Cultural Diversity

October
Disability Employment Awareness

November
American Indian Heritage/Veterans' Appreciation

December
Aging & Poverty Issues